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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroyuki IKEUCHI et al. : Art Unit: 4181

Serial No.: 10/593,706 : Examiner: P. Darji

Filed: September 21, 2006

For: AN AQUEOUS-LIQUID-ABSORBING

AGENT AND ITS PRODUCTION PROCESS:

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the November 19, 2008 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.